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DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

EDITORS: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Department of Health to issue a monthly press release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken during the month of November 2003.

Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our web site at

www.tennessee.gov/health. Click on "License Verification" and enter the name of the person.

When the license information comes up, click on "disciplinary action" and then "view board order."

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Licensee: Diane M. Hamilton, RDH, Mt. Juliet
Violation: Failure to comply with previous Order.
Action: Suspension of license for seven (7) years, which shall be stayed, providing she remains in full compliance with the terms and conditions of her probation and maintains the advocacy of the Concerned Dentist Professional Committee (CDPC); seven (7) years probation; assessed a civil penalty of \$500; must maintain advocacy with CDPC for a period of seven (7) years; shall be monitored by CDPC with quarterly reports sent to the Board; shall submit to random urine screens; shall be subject to treatment as necessary to maintain sobriety; assessed costs.

Licensee: Champ E. Clark II, DDS, Monterey
Violation: Continued to practice dentistry and prescribe controlled substances during the period of time his license to practice dentistry was expired.
Action: License Revoked; must pay court costs in this matter; may not apply for new license for at least one year; and, must appear before the board before a new license may be considered.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Halbert B. Dodd II, M.D., Union City
Violation: Violated terms of a January 18, 2001 Board Order.
Action: License suspended; must submit immediately to a psychiatric evaluation arranged by TMF; must appear before the board to request lifting of suspension, which shall be followed by an additional 5-years probation; assessed \$5,000 in Civil Penalties; must pay costs assessed in this matter; and, must appear before the board at the end of his probationary period to request lifting of probation.

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (CONT.)

Licensee:	Alfred L. Chatman, M.D., Louisville, KY
Violation:	Action taken by the State of Kentucky regarding inappropriate sexual conduct with patients.
Action:	License permanently revoked, must pay all assessed costs.
Licensee:	Michael D. Finn, M.D., Owensboro, KY
Violation:	Action taken by the State of Kentucky regarding inappropriate sexual behavior with co-workers.
Action:	License placed on probation, commencing November 20, 2003; must enter contract and maintain advocacy with TMF; must successfully complete a course at Vanderbilt, "Maintaining Proper Boundaries"; must pay all costs associated with this matter; shall notify the board in writing if he plans to practice in Tennessee; and, must appear before the board to request lifting of probation.
Licensee:	Jerry R. Floyd, M.D., Millington
Violation:	Permitted unlicensed members of his staff to perform x-ray operator duties without a valid Tennessee certificate.
Action:	Letter of Reprimand
Licensee:	Helmut K. Harnisch, M.D., Lewisburg
Violation:	Administered intravenous infusions of hydrogen peroxide to patients.
Action:	Agreed Order of Reprimand; and, must pay costs assessed with this matter.
Licensee:	Mark N. Hendrixson, M.D., Crossville
Violation:	Tested positive for use of Cocaine and Marijuana; and, loss of privileges with Cumberland Medical Center.
Action:	License placed on three (3) years probation; must maintain lifetime advocacy with TMF; Assessed \$1,000 Civil Penalty; must pay costs assessed in this matter; and, must appear before the board to request lifting of probation.
Licensee:	Urmilla B. Jhaveri, M.D., Memphis
Violation:	Failure to report a \$750,000.00 malpractice settlement paid in 1999 for misdiagnosis of a breast tumor in a patient; malpractice and negligence.
Action:	License revoked; may not apply for a new license for at least 1-year, and must appear before the board upon that request; and, must pay all costs associated with this action.
Licensee:	Daniel A. Slonaker, M.D., Erwin
Violation:	Dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing controlled substances or other drugs in amounts and/or for a duration not medically necessary, advisable or justified for a diagnosed condition, and failure to document it appropriately in patients' medical records.

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (CONT.)

Action: License placed on 2-years probation, effective November 20, 2003; shall attend a 2-day medical records course at Case Western Reserve University; shall attend a 3-day seminar at Vanderbilt entitled, "Prescribing Controlled Drugs"; shall attend 40-hours of family practice courses, AAFP approved, per year during probation; shall secure 50-hours other continuing medical education per year while on probation; shall immediately surrender his DEA certificate at the end of 6-months if he has not completed the medical records course and 3-day seminar at Vanderbilt; shall maintain a prescription logbook for recording the dispensing and prescribing of controlled substances for the period of probation; assessed \$2,500 in Civil Penalties; must pay all costs associated with this case; and, must appear before the board to show compliance and request lifting of probation.

Licensee: John K. Thompson, M.D., Gallatin

Violation: Licensee became angry during surgery, told two surgical staff members to "shut up" and threw several surgical instruments on the operating room floor.

Action: Licensee found guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable and unethical conduct; ordered to attend course entitled "Program for Distressed Physicians" sponsored by VUMC or its equivalent and to show proof of completion within six months of entry of the Order.

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Licensee: Dennis L. Cosgrove, Optometrist, Cookeville

Violation: Prescribed to a patient Diazepam, which is not a pharmaceutical agent rational to the diagnosis and treatment of conditions or diseases of the eye or eyelid.

Action: License placed on probation for 6-months, effective November 18, 2003.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Carrie Askren, Unlicensed Psychological Examiner, Tullahoma

Violation: Filed for appeal of initial denial of licensure for failure to comply with all appropriate criteria for licensure.

Action: Petitioner's application materials for licensure as a psychological examiner in Tennessee are deemed acceptable to this point, and she may be allowed to sit for the written examination for licensure.

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Licensee: Cathy Weedman, LCSW, Jamestown, NC

Violation: Conviction of a felony

Action: License revoked and assessed \$1,000 civil penalties.

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS (CONT.)

Licensee: Kathleen McCracken, LCSW, Nashville
Violation: Engaging in sexual activities with a client and failure to avoid dual relationship with client.
Action: Probation for two years; must seek supervision during the time of probation and submit quarterly reports from supervisor to the Board; must seek an evaluation from peer assistance program and follow all recommendations of that program; assessed \$5,000 in civil penalties.

MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD

Licensee: Randy C. Watts, LMT, Memphis
Violation: Practiced massage therapy without a license.
Action: Assessed \$500.00 in Civil Penalties within 30-days of November 14, 2003.

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